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referred to the Department of Justice before they can be discharged.

(b) Debts which cannot be compromised or on which collection action cannot be suspended or terminated, may be referred to the Department of Justice for collection action. Claims of less than \$600.00 exclusive of interest, penalties, and administrative costs will not be referred to the Department of Justice unless:

(1) Referral is important to a significant enforcement policy, or

(2) The debtor not only has the clear ability to pay the claim, but the Government can effectively enforce payment, having due regard for the exemptions available to the debtor under State and Federal law and the judicial remedies available to the Government.

§ 792.19 Referral of delinquent debts to IRS for tax refund offset.

FSA may refer legally enforceable delinquent debts to IRS to be offset against tax refunds due to debtors under 26 U.S.C. 6402, in accordance with the provisions of 31 U.S.C. 3720A and Treasury Department regulations.

§ 792.20 Reporting discharged debts to IRS.

(a) In accordance with IRS regulations, FSA may report to IRS as discharged debts on IRS Form 1099-G the amounts specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The following discharged debts may be reported to IRS: (1) The amount of a debt discharged under a compromise agreement between FSA and the debtor, except for compromises made due to doubt about the Government's ability to prove its case in court for the full amount of the debt.

(2) The amount of a debt discharged by the running of the statutory period of limitation for collecting the debt by administrative offset specified in 31 U.S.C. 3716.

§ 792.21 Referral of debts to private collection agencies.

If FSA's collection efforts have been unsuccessful after 90 days from the date of delinquency, the head of the agency or his designee may enter into a contract with any person or organization, under such terms and conditions

as the head of the agency or his designee considers appropriate for collection services to recover debts owed to FSA.

§ 792.22 Collection and compromise.

The Administrator, FSA, or his designee may compromise any claim of the Government of not more than \$100,000.00 exclusive of interest, penalties, and administrative charges, or such higher amount as may be prescribed, that has not been referred to another executive or legislative agency for further collection action.

PART 795—PAYMENT LIMITATION

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GENERAL

§ 795.1 [Reserved]

§ 795.2 Applicability.

(a) The provisions of this part are applicable to payments when so provided by the individual program regulations

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under which the payments are made. The amount of the limitation shall be as specified in the individual program regulations.

(b) The limitation shall be applied to the payments for a commodity for a crop year.

(c) The limitation shall not be applicable to payments made to States, political subdivisions, or agencies thereof for participation in the programs on lands owned by such States, political subdivisions, or agencies thereof so long as such lands are farmed primarily in the direct furtherance of a public function. However, the limitation is applicable to persons who rent or lease land owned by States, political subdivisions, or agencies thereof.

(d) The limitation shall not be applicable to payments made to Indian tribal ventures participating in the programs where a responsible official of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Indian Tribal Council certifies that no more than the program payment limitation shall accrue directly or indirectly to any individual Indian and the State committee reviews and approves the exemption.

(e) Except as provided in part 1497 of this title, this part shall not be applicable to contracts entered into on or after August 1, 1988 in accordance with part 704 of this chapter.

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§ 795.3 Definitions.

(a) The terms defined in part 719 of this chapter, governing reconstitutions of farms, shall be applicable to this part and all documents issued in accordance with this part, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b)(1) Subject to the provisions of this part, the term "person" shall mean an individual, joint stock company, corporation, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity. In order to be considered to be a separate person for the purposes of this part with respect to any crop, in addition to any other provision of this part, an individual or other legal entity must:

(i) Have a separate and distinct interest in the crop or the land on which the crop is produced;

(ii) Exercise separate responsibility for such interest; and

(iii) Be responsible for payment of the cost of farming related to such interest from a fund or account separate from that of any other individual or entity.

(2) The term "person" shall not include any cooperative association of producers that markets commodities for producers with respect to the commodities so marketed for producers.

(c) The term "family member" shall mean the individual, the great-grandparent, grand-parent, child, grandchild, and great-grandchild of such individual and the spouses of all such individuals.

(d) The term "separate unit" shall mean an individual who, prior to December 31, 1985: (1) Had been engaged in a separate farming operation and (2) in accordance with the provisions of this part, had been determined to be a separate person or could have so determined under the circumstances existing at such time.

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§ 795.4 Family members.

Effective for the 1987 through 1990 crops, an individual shall not be denied a determination that such individual was a "person" solely on the basis that:

(a) A family member cosigns for, or makes a loan to, such individual and leases, loans or gives equipment, land or labor to such an individual; and

(b) Such family members were organized as separate units prior to December 31, 1985.

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§ 795.5 Timing for determining status of persons.

Except as otherwise set forth in this part, the status of individuals or entities as of March 1, or such other date as may be determined and announced by the Administrator shall be the basis on which determinations are made in accordance with this part for the year for which the determination is made.

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